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25X1 1. (Confidential - GLC) In response to his inquiry the other day, I called Frank Sullivan, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, to tell him the revision of Soviet troop strength which he had heard about was not an intelligence estimate nor a community position. I said it was arrived at unilaterally by DIA but that an interagency committee is looking into the matter to review it. Sullivan said he would be interested in being kept posted on the results of the interagency review.

Sullivan also said he understood an [] had recently returned from the Soviet Union and written an extensive report on the Soviet economy and the percentage of the Soviet GNP allocated to defense. We discussed the problems involved in the estimating process on the Soviet economy and also the difficulty in making comparisons between U.S. and Soviet defense expenditures. Sullivan said he would be interested in seeing a copy of [] report if 25X1 it was available. I said I thought this was something that should be requested 25X1 from DOD but I would check on it.

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25X1 3. (Confidential - GLC) Clark McFadden, General Counsel, Senate
25X1 Armed Services Committee, visited Headquarters for a follow-up session with
Ted Shackley and [] EA Division, with respect to our recent trip to
the Far East. I think the session was extremely useful for McFadden as a
recapitulation of information [] obtained on our trip.

I gave to McFadden the Director's letter to Chairman Stennis on the
Philip Agee case and also asked him if he would keep his antenna up on any
reports of Government Operations Committee action on the various legislative
✓ proposals of interest to the Agency, i.e., the Baker/Weicker resolution, the
Humphrey proposal for a Joint Committee on National Security, etc.

✓ I also reviewed with McFadden our tentative views on the relative merits
of the Hughes and Ryan amendments to the Foreign Assistance bill on the subject
of covert activities, i.e., that we felt this was not a subject to be resolved by
statute (especially in the Foreign Assistance bill) but that if forced to make
a choice we would prefer the language of the Hughes amendment but using the
frame of reference of "national security" rather than "national defense."

25X1 4. (Confidential - LLM) Received a call from Kent Crane, Administrative
Assistant to Representative Peter Frelinghuysen (R., N.J.), stating that
they had a constituent in trouble in [] and wanted to know the 25X1
situation there. As a separate request, Crane asked if we had an unclassified
paper on the sugar problem. Although Crane wanted to be put in touch
directly with the individual who briefed him on Africa recently [] 25X1
based on the advice of [] OCI/Africa, and [] DDO, I 25X1
was able to satisfy Crane's interests and confirmed what I had told him
earlier that the best source of information would be the Department of State.

25X1 Based on the advice of [] OCI, I also told Crane we
had no unclassified paper on the sugar problem and referred him to the
Department of Agriculture.

25X1 5. (Confidential - LLM) Maurice Ernst, Director, OER, reported
a call received from Stuart Monshine, in the office of Representative
Michael Harrington (D., Mass.), to [] OER, on Agency activities 25X1
[] will close out the call by referring Monshine to this
office.

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